

**JD PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND
THE RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES
(2023 cohort and thereafter)**

Total no. of credits	72
Required courses (Total 6 credits)	1. LW5601 Hong Kong Legal System (3 credits); and 2. LW5622 Legal Methods, Research and Writing (3 credits)
PCLL-required elective courses (Total 48 credits)	LW5602A Law of Contract I (3 credits) LW5602B Law of Contract II (3 credits) LW5603A Law of Tort I (3 credits) LW5603B Law of Tort II (3 credits) LW5606A Criminal Law I (3 credits) LW5606B Criminal Law II (3 credits) LW5607A Land Law I (3 credits) LW5607B Land Law II (3 credits) LW5608 Constitutional Law (3 credits) LW5610 Administrative Law (3 credits) LW5616 Law of Evidence (3 credits) LW5630A Equity & Trusts I (3 credits) LW5630B Equity & Trusts II (3 credits) LW5656 Company Law I (3 credits) LW5657 Company Law II (3 credits) LW5658 Commercial Law (3 credits)
Additional free electives (Total 18 credits)	Any 6 courses (18 credits)

Optional specialisation

JD students have an option to specialise in any one of the following areas by taking at least 4 elective courses (minimum 12 credits) from the respective list:

- 1) **International Commercial Law:** LW5631 Banking Law; LW5641 Intellectual Property: Theory, Copyright and Design; LW5643 Cyber Law; LW5664 European Competition Law of Policy (G-LEAP); LW6140E Chinese and Comparative Commercial Law; LW6144E World Trade Law; LW6161E Chinese and Comparative Competition Law; ; LW6167E International Economic Law and Relations; LW6180E International Commercial Contracts and Uniform Sales Law
- 2) **Alternative Dispute Resolution:** LW6405 Arbitration Law; LW6406 Mediation Practice; LW6407 Arbitration Practice and Award Writing; LW6408 International Arbitration; LW6126E Dispute Resolution in Theory and Practice; LW6142E International Investment Law; ^LW5649 International Mooting and Advocacy or ^LW5649B International Mooting and Advocacy
- 3) **Chinese and Comparative Law:** LW5626 Comparative Law; LW6127E International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law: Trademarks and Patents; LW6134E Chinese and Comparative Company Law; LW6140E Chinese and Comparative Commercial Law; LW6141E Chinese Foreign Trade and Investment Law

^ Students can take either LW5649 (3 credits) or LW5649B (6 credits).

Depending upon the interest of students and the course offering in future, these specialised streams may be modified. The offering of the above courses may be reviewed and amended from time to time subject to the availability of the teaching staff. We shall keep students informed regarding the offering of the elective courses.

Students who choose or do not choose to specialise in any one area will receive the award title as Juris Doctor (法律博士).

In pursuance of City University's policy on streamlining award titles, it has been decided that from 2015-16 onwards the award titles will not include areas of specialisation. Rather the specialised area, if elected by a student, will appear on the transcript.

Electives

Apart from electives offered by the JD Programme, students may choose electives out of the courses offered by the LLM and LLMArbDR Programmes to pursue their areas of interest.

Recommended structure and sequence

We would encourage students to completed the programme in 3 years but they may study the programme at a quicker pace. The maximum period of study is five years. (Please refer to Annex A and B).

Recommended Programme Structure for students aspiring to join the
PCLL programme - Juris Doctor (full time)
3-year structure

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Semester A (12 credits) ^R LW5601 Hong Kong Legal System (3 credits) ^R LW5622 Legal Methods, Research and Writing (3 credits) * LW5602A Law of Contract I (3 credits) * LW5603A Law of Tort I (3 credits)	Semester A (12 credits) * LW5606A Criminal Law I (3 credits) * LW5607A Land Law I (3 credits) * LW5610 Administrative Law (3 credits) * LW5630A Equity & Trusts I (3 credits)	Semester A (9 credits) * LW5656 Company Law I (3 credits) * LW5658 Commercial Law (3 credits) Elective x 1 (3 credits)
Semester B (12 credits) * LW5602B Law of Contract II (3 credits) * LW5603B Law of Tort II (3 credits) * LW5608 Constitutional Law (3 credits) Elective x 1 (3 credits)	Semester B (12 credits) * LW5606B Criminal Law II (3 credits) * LW5607B Land Law II (3 credits) * LW5630B Equity & Trusts II (3 credits) Elective x 1 (3 credits)	Semester B (9 credits) * LW5657 Company Law II (3 credits) * LW5616 Law of Evidence (3 credits) Elective x 1 (3 credits)
Summer Term (3 or 6 credits) Any one or two of the following: LW5552 Independent Research (3 credits) G-LEAP course (3 credits) Legal Placement (3 credits)	Summer Term (3 or 6 credits) Any one or two of the following: LW5552 Independent Research (3 credits) G-LEAP course (3 credits) Legal Placement (3 credits)	

R = JD-required course; * = PCLL-required course

Please note LW5552 Independent Research will be offered in Semester A, Semester B and Summer Term. For LW6137E Dissertation, students can take it in Semester A and B or only Semester A, or only Semester B. LW5552 requires the pre-requisite of LW5622. If a student opts for Dissertation (6 credits) instead of Independent Research, the Dissertation should be completed preferably in Semester A, or Semester B, or in both Semesters A and B.

JD and LLB lectures will be given together in most courses.

G-LEAP refers to an intensive summer course taken at the overseas partner institution as part of the Global Legal Education and Awareness Project (G-LEAP).

Taught postgraduate electives will not be offered in summer.

Non-local students who have been granted permission by the Immigration Department for 'full-time studies' must follow the minimum credit unit load specified in the University's Academic Regulations for full-time students (i.e. 12 credit units in a single semester). Exceptions for reduced study load are permitted for the final graduating semester upon approval by the Head of the academic department or as determined by the Examination Board in any semester for students in academic difficulty.

For pre-requisites of courses (if any), please refer to:

http://www.cityu.edu.hk/catalogue/pg/202324/catalogue/catalogue_TP.htm?page=TP/TP_programme_index.htm

Remark: If you wish to take the PCLL after the end of your 3rd year, you should complete all courses prior to the commencement of the summer term of the 3rd year.

Recommended Programme Structure for students aspiring to join the
PCLL programme - Juris Doctor (full time)
2-year structure

Year 1	Year 2
Semester A (18 credits) ^R LW5601 Hong Kong Legal System (3 credits) ^R LW5622 Legal Methods, Research and Writing (3 credits) * LW5602A Law of Contract I (3 credits) * LW5603A Law of Tort I (3 credits) * LW5606A Criminal Law I (3 credits) Elective x 1 (3 credits)	Semester A (15 credits) * LW5607A Land Law I (3 credits) * LW5610 Administrative Law (3 credits) * LW5630A Equity & Trusts I (3 credits) * LW5656 Company Law I (3 credits) * LW5658 Commercial Law (3 credits)
Semester B (18 credits) * LW5602B Law of Contract II (3 credits) * LW5603B Law of Tort II (3 credits) * LW5606B Criminal Law II (3 credits) * LW5608 Constitutional Law (3 credits) Elective x 2 (6 credits)	Semester B (15 credits) * LW5607B Land Law II (3 credits) * LW5616 Law of Evidence (3 credits) * LW5630B Equity & Trusts II (3 credits) * LW5657 Company Law II (3 credits) Elective x 1 (3 credits)
Summer Term (6 credits) Any two of the following: LW5552 Independent Research (3 credits) G-LEAP course (3 credits) Legal Placement (3 credits)	

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